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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1791

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Examiner: E. ROYSTON

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING CERAMIC STRUCTURE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the October 30, 2009 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 12, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 12, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0143370 to Noguchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,440,185 to Nagata and U.S. Patent No. 3,773,573 to Slykhouse, as allegedly evidenced by the "printouts" regarding the Matsumoto Microsphere F-series product data. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 12 recites, among other features, "as the foamed resin, there is used a material in which the weight of a gas included in the foamed resin stored at 40°C for 4 weeks is 8% or more of the weight of the foamed resin and in which a weight decrease ratio of the gas included in the foamed resin stored at 40°C for 4 weeks is 30% or less with respect to the weight of the gas before stored, and a resin of an outer shell of the foamed resin is constituted